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SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, just another brief statement. When the federal government passed the reduction in speed to 55 miles, immediately following that approximately 25% of the lives were saved by this slowing up and speeding, incidentally, is the most common reason for young people to lose points and so I would say to you that even though this season is a great time for compassion and I certainly understand that, I think if we stop and think about the 48,000 to 53,000 persons that are going to die on the highways and the streets because of violations of people driving automobiles, I think we ought to have some compassion upon them and so I believe that speed is the real culprit and this, by not being too liberal in respect to these points, is the answer in Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, just one brief comment related to Senator Syas' concern about one that is self-employed. You must remember, Senator Syas, that this is an application for a special permit to the Department of Motor Vehicles and this application is reviewed by the officer in charge in the Department so he comes under the scrutiny of the Department, even though he is self-employed. It does not mean he gets a permit if it is unjustified so he is under the scrutiny of an agency, an officer within the agency.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson, would you please close argument by way of reply.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Gladly. Again, I think just a couple of things we need to remember. One, we are attempting to establish some consistency in the system of revoking or suspending driver's licenses. The court already has that authority. We are simply asking that this authority apply uniformly to all of the processes of revoked or suspended driver's licenses. The other thing I think we need to keep in mind is that I do not believe, and I doubt if any of you would believe sincerely that the Legislature had in mind imposing a penalty as harsh as taking someone's means of getting a job or retaining a job away from them when this original law was passed. This is not what we were talking about. There is still adequate punishment left in the bill. We simply want to make it possible that a person can retain his job. So I move, again, that LB 259 be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB 259 be advanced. Record your vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 5 nays, 13 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Senator Carsten has asked the Chair to introduce a group of 78 students from Syracuse High School located in the South balcony. We also have with us some guests of Senator Kennedy, 7 young people in the North balcony representing the Youth Temperance Council of Norfolk, Nebraska, and also Senator Kremer has asked the Chair to announce the presence of 48 Eighth Graders and Seniors from Silver Creek, Nebraska. They are in the North balcony. And Senator Stoney has some guests, the Bob Rice family who is Chief Deputy County Assessor of Douglas County. They are in